- Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 7, 12 and 16. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Claim Listing

- (Currently Amended) An aquatic food composition for consumption by anadromous fish
 in freshwater comprising a concentration of NaCl between about 10,000 mg/kg and about
 100,000 mg/kg and a PVCR modulator in an amount sufficient to increase expression
 and/or sensitivity of at least one PVCR in the fish upon consumption of the composition.
- 2. (Previously Presented) The aquatic food composition of Claim 1, wherein the PVCR modulator is L-Tryptophan.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The aquatic food composition of Claim 2, wherein the L-Tryptophan is in an amount of between about 0.2% and about 0.4% by weight.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The aquatic food composition of Claim 2, wherein the L-Tryptophan is in an amount of about 0.2% by weight.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The aquatic food composition of Claim 2, wherein the L-Tryptophan is in an amount of between about 0.4% by weight.
- 6. (Previously presented) The aquatic food composition of Claim 1, wherein the NaCl is in a concentration of about 7% by weight.
- 7. (Currently amended) The An aquatic food composition of Claim 1, further comprising for consumption by anadromous fish in freshwater comprising a concentration of NaCl between about 10,000 mg/kg and about 100,000 mg/kg, a PVCR modulator in an amount

sufficient to increase expression and/or sensitivity of at least one PVCR in the fish upon consumption of the composition, and a top dressing that includes fish oil.

- 8. (Previously presented) The aquatic food composition of Claim 7, wherein the top dressing includes at least about 50% by weight of fish oil.
- 9. (Previously presented) The aquatic food composition of Claim 8, wherein the top dressing includes menhaden fish oil.
- 10. (Previously presented) The aquatic food composition of Claim 7, wherein the top dressing includes at least a portion of the PVCR modulator.
- 11. (Previously presented) The aquatic food composition of Claim 7, wherein the top dressing includes at least a portion of the NaCl.
- 12. (Currently Amended) An aquatic food composition <u>for consumption by anadromous fish</u> in <u>freshwater</u> comprising:

NaCl in an amount of about 7% by weight; and

L-Tryptophan in an amount of about 0.2% by weight; wherein the expression and/or sensitivity of at least one PVCR is increased in the fish upon consumption of the composition.

- 13. (Previously presented) The aquatic food composition of Claim 12, further comprising a top dressing that includes at least about 50% by weight of fish oil.
- 14. (Previously presented) The aquatic food composition of Claim 13, wherein the top dressing includes at least a portion of the L-Tryptophan.
- 15. (Previously presented) The aquatic food composition of Claim 13, wherein the top dressing includes at least a portion of the NaCl.

16. (Currently Amended) An aquatic food composition <u>for consumption by anadromous fish</u>
<u>in freshwater</u> comprising:

NaCl in an amount of about 7% by weight; and
L-Tryptophan in an amount of about 0.4% by weight

wherein the expression and/or sensitivity of at least one PVCR is increased in the fish
upon consumption of the composition.

- 17. (Previously presented) The aquatic food composition of Claim 16, further comprising a top dressing that includes at least about 50% by weight of fish oil.
- 18. (Previously presented) The aquatic food composition of Claim 17, wherein the top dressing includes at least a portion of the L-Tryptophan.
- 19. (Previously presented) The aquatic food composition of Claim 17, wherein the top dressing includes at least a portion of the NaCl.